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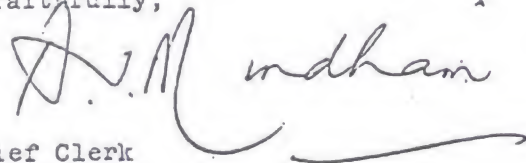
Dear Sir,

Your letter addressed to the Chief Magistrate has been passed to me.

With regard to the extradition hearing at this Court, I should first explain that there is no transcript of the complete hearing. The only documents in existence were those sent from America and presented to the Court and the short verbal evidence, including your own, which was taken at this Court, but all those documents at the end of the proceedings were delivered to the Secretary of State. I do, however, understand that copies of the American documents and copies of the evidence given at this Court were in possession of the solicitor who acted for your defence, and I understand that he will be writing to you on the question of sending these to you.

As regards your second question, the assignment of Mr. Eugene, the legal position at the time that you appeared before this Court was that the Court, having granted you legal aid, then had a duty to assign to you a solicitor from a list which is prepared by the Inner London Quarter Sessions. A defendant is normally asked whether he wishes to choose a solicitor himself from that list, but if he does not know any solicitor and does not wish to make the choice himself, then it is my duty to name a particular solicitor. This is done more or less in rotation down the list, but some special regard is had to extradition proceedings which require the solicitor assigned to have some experience in that field. The firm to which Mr. Eugene belongs, Messrs. Dresden & Co., were such solicitors and accordingly were assigned by the Court. The solicitors were then free to instruct whichever Counsel they chose, and apparently they chose Mr. Frisby. The point I must emphasise is that there was no question of any person recommending the firm of Dresdens. The assignment was in accordance with the normal practice.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Clerk

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